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Re: Comments on Yucca mountain Draft EIS

Dear Ms. Dixon:

Recently the Summary Draft EIS for the Yucca Mountain Repository EIS was sent to Linden Blue, Vice Chairman of General Atomics. Mr. Blue requested that we respond.

1 The Summary is a well-written document and demonstrates that DOE has done a comprehensive evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposed project. It clearly shows that the impact of the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository is minimal, acceptable and justifies the continuation of this vital national project.

2 We do feel that the potential environmental impacts of the "no action" alternative (module 1) involving 10,000-year care taking at 77 different sites are understated. A more critical assessment of the "no action" alternative would be likely to magnify the advantages of the Yucca Mountain facility and therefore we believe that your assessment is very conservative.

3 We encourage DOE to continue development of complementary technologies such as the Accelerator Transmutation of Waste that has the potential to greatly reduce the period of time that high level wastes remain cangerous to the environment and to the public.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this important national program.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Noren

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Niles W. Johanson